

Lib. H. D. Maj<sup>ty</sup>s Hono<sup>ble</sup> Councill, that if in case his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> the Govern<sup>r</sup> of New Yorke or my Lord Bellamont should come in & send about assistance for men or money from this Government what answer should be given thereto; being willing to prevent calling a Councill together in the winter time; It being so difficult travelling and passing over the Bay. To w<sup>ch</sup> they returne for answer; that considering the great difficulty some of them have found in getting to this place at this time, the which will be much more hazardous and dangerous to them in the depth of Winter, do therefore wholly leave it to his Ex<sup>ncys</sup> Prudence to return such answer upon any such Message from New Yorke, as in his wisdom & Prudence he shall think fitt; being assured he will do nothing but what is for his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Service & good of the Countrey; and that withall do declare themselves to be of opinion, that this Province (through means of the severall disturbances and commotions by Indians and more dayly threaten'd) is altogether incapable of Affording any assistance to that Government seeing that for strengthening the ffrontiers thereof they have been forced to raise an Additional number of Rangers now in pay besides two hundred men on each side the Bay, to be in a readiness, which tis not known how soon they may be made use off.

Ordered that his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Lawyers prepare a warrant for the seizing & apprehending Amos Nicholls of Cœcill County, being informed against for severall notorious crimes and misdemeanors and that they leave a blanck for some person to be employed about the taking of him to be inserted by the Hono<sup>ble</sup> James ffrisbey Esq<sup>r</sup> and if taken, that he be carryed before the s<sup>d</sup> James ffrisbey Esq<sup>r</sup> In order that he may give Bond to appear before his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> in Councill the next time they shall be appointed to meet together to answer the premises.

A Warrant being accordingly prepared was read & approved off and signed by his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> and Ordered to pass the Broad Seale of the Province, w<sup>ch</sup> follows in these words Viz<sup>t</sup>  
 Maryland ss. fforasmuch as complaint hath been made  
 p. 585 unto me ffrancis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>ll</sup> and Govern<sup>r</sup> in Chief of his Maj<sup>tes</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Province and Territory &<sup>ca</sup> and to the Hono<sup>ble</sup> his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Privy Councill of the same by severall of the Inhabitants of Cœcill County that one Amos Nicholls of Cœcill County aforesaid is a very vagrant and wandering person, a very evill doer and is guilty of a great many hainous and notorious crimes and Offences, as well against his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Governm<sup>t</sup> of this his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Province, as also to the great hurt & damage of his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Subjects and against his Maj<sup>tes</sup> peace &<sup>ca</sup>

These are therefore in his Maj<sup>tes</sup> name to Authorize you